Ranger Programs

The National Park Service invites you to enjoy the free programs below. We hope that learning about Grand Canyon and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your national park. Some programs require riding the free shuttle bus to get to the meeting location. Plan sufficient time to arrive before the start of the program.

Grand Canyon Village

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Geo-Glimpse 🕭 🕅				
Enjoy the new geology exhibits at Yavapai Observation Station and explore a selected aspect of the canyon's geology during these short, indoor talks.	Inside Yavapai Observation Station	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	15–20 min. 15–20 min.	Daily Daily
Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology 🗟 🏗				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world? Come and participate in this fascinating talk to learn how Grand Canyon was formed. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	10:00 a.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Human History at Grand Canyon 🕒				
Humans have been part of Grand Canyon's story for almost 12,000 years. The beauty that draws people to the canyon today also brought American Indians, prospectors, entrepreneurs, and the National Park Service to this special place. Depending on weather, be prepared for either a short walk along the rim or an indoor program in the Bright Angel History Room.	Patio on the rim side of Bright Angel Lodge	11:00 a.m.	45 min.	Daily
Kolb Studio: Images of the Past				
Kolb Studio, built in 1904, spills five levels down the canyon wall. The Kolb brothers played an integral role in the early years of development at Grand Canyon. Join a ranger for a closer look at Kolb Studio and the fascinating time in which the Kolb family lived here. Limited to 12 participants by reservation. Register at Kolb Studio for the tour prior to that day's program or by calling (928) 638-2771.	Kolb Studio	2:00 p.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Nature Walk 🗟 🗾				
Learn more about the complexity and diversity of nature with a short hike along the rim. Topics vary and may include: animals and plants adapting to changing seasons, human impact on nature, how nature inspires writers and poets, rare and endangered species, or Native American use of plants and animals.	Bicycle rack at Yavapai Observation Station	2:30 p.m.	45–60 min.	Daily
A Quick Look 				
Grand Canyon can be overwhelming. Step back for a few minutes and listen to a ranger tell about wildlife, human history, or fun facts about the greatest canyon on Earth. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	3:30 p.m.	15–20 min.	Daily
Evening Program 🕒 🏗				
The perfect way to end your day at the Grand Canyon! Enjoy a ranger presentation on a significant aspect of the canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. For this evening's topic check the schedules posted around the park or call (928) 638-7610. Arrive by walking, driving, or riding the free Village Shuttle Bus. No program Dec. 19.	Shrine of the Ages auditorium (parking lot A, next to Park Headquarters)	7:00 p.m.	1 hour	Daily
Full-Moon Walks and Star Talks 🗾	See page 3 for sunset t	imes and mo	on phases.	
During evenings around full moon and new moon, rangers will offer moon walks and star talks as staffing and weather permit. Check bulletin boards at the visitor centers and campgrounds to see if these events are scheduled in the three days around new and full moons.	Eastern-most promontory at Mather Point	1 hour after sunset	1 hour	New and full moon
Special Programs				
Additional programs may be presented when staffing and weather permits. Check park bulletin boards for announcements or inquire at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza for upcoming events.	Check park bulletin boards or at Information Plaza	the Visitor Co	enter at Can	yon View
Desert View-Tusayan Museum (3 miles/5 km west of Desert View	Point)			
Glimpses of the Past 🔠 🗾				
Consider the ancient people who called Grand Canyon "home" 800 years ago. How did they thrive in this environment? Join a ranger for a walk on a 0.1 mile flat, paved trail and see the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village.	Tusayan Museum, 23 miles east of Grand Canyon Village	11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	30–45 min. 30–45 min.	

All children must be supervised and accompanied by an adult on all programs. All outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or when lightning danger is present. These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza. For programs meeting at the Visitor Center, visitors with mobility concerns can use the wheelchair accessible trail or accessibility shuttle bus from Mather Point parking lot. These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger activity. However, any ranger program may serve the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.